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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

FOR AMB. STOESSEL AND DCM MEEHAN LITERALLY EYES ONLY FROM  
DAVID ANDERSON

1. I MET ON MAY 9 WITH FRAN VOORDE REGARDING THE  
PRESIDENT'S TRIP. WE MADE SOME PROGRESS, BUT DO NOT HAVE  
FIRM ANSWERS TO THE OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS.

2. FRAN AND BOB GATES OF THE NSC ARE PLANNING TO COME TO  
GERMANY AROUND MAY 27 TO MEET WITH YOU TO VISIT POSSIBLE  
SITES FOR THE TRIP. PROBABLY THREE WEEKS OR SO BEFORE THE  
PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL, A LARGE PRE-ADVANCE PARTY WILL DESCEND  
ON YOU FOR MORE DETAILED PREPARATORY WORK.

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3. FRAN HAS DECIDED AGAINST THE PRESIDENT'S STAYING AT  
THE SCHLOSS AND IS LEANING TOWARD FRANK'S RESIDENCE. I  
THINK YOU COULD LET THE GERMANS KNOW THIS INFORMALLY. I  
WONDERED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF OUR GETTING ONE ENTIRE  
HOTEL FOR THE US OFFICIAL CONTINGENT AND PRESS. I KNOW  
THIS IS UNLIKELY AT THIS LATE DATE, BUT DESIRABLE.

4. AS FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT ROUGHLY 500 PEOPLE, HALF OF THEM PRESS, AND THE REST THE OFFICIAL PARTY, SECURITY, WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATORS, ETC.

5. FRAN WAS RELAXED ABOUT MAKING AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. I SUGGEST THAT YOU WORK OUT A TEXT WITH THE GERMANS AND PROPOSE IT TO US FOR CLEARANCE.

6. AS FOR PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH THE PARTY LEADERS, COULD CARTER MEET WITH KOHL AND STRAUSS TOGETHER AS THE LEADERS OF THE UNION.

7. I THINK WE CAN ACCEPT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE VISIT AS A STATE VISIT, BUT WE WILL HAVE TO BE PREPARED TO LEAN ON THE GERMANS TO DROP SOME OF THE PROTOCOL "REQUIREMENTS". IN PARTICULAR, THE WHITE HOUSE CAN BE EXPECTED TO BALK AT THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS RECEPTION.

8. THE WIESBADEN OPTIONS SEEM PREFERABLE TO THE TRIP TO GRAFENWOEHR AS FAR AS THE MILITARY PROGRAM IS CONCERNED, BUT THESE AND MANY OTHER DETAILS WILL HAVE TO AWAIT FRAN'S VISIT.

9. SORRY I DON'T HAVE MORE, BUT AT LEAST WE'VE BEGUN THE WHITE HOUSE/STATE CONSULTATION PROCESS.

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